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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Third Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patent (Document AA) and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents (Documents BD and BE) and non-patent literature (Documents CU and CV) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is in the form of an Office Action and an English language copy from a foreign patent office, issued in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2005-505876, which refers to the relevant portions of the documents. Document JP 2003-007599 A, which is cited in the Japanese Office Action, is not listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 because it was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 24, 2005, in the present application. Document AA (6,537,800) is the English language counterpart to Document BD (WO-99/46588).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Third Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Third Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Third Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed documents.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, under Order No. 32011-224744.

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